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## **Dozens of vehicles allowed on Main Street in Ellicott City during first of five-day cleanup**

ELLICOTT CITY, MD – Dozens of vehicles and hundreds of residents, merchants and building owners returned to Ellicott City's Main Street today on the first day of a five-day extended access period to continue the cleanup and recovery process.

More than 70 trips were made throughout the day, the first time small trucks and vans were allowed to enter the Main Street no access area since the July 30 flash flood.

"We are committed to making this process a safe and orderly one," said Howard County Executive Allan H. Kittleman. "Thanks to the cooperation of residents and business owners, today's operation went smoothly and we expect to make steady progress through Monday."

The county has announced a slight revision to the scheduled access for residents, merchants and building owners to Ellicott City's Main Street. The new hours will be 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. starting Friday, Aug. 19 and continuing through Aug. 22. This small change will enable county public works crews more time each morning to conduct a thorough inspection of infrastructure to ensure public safety.

As a reminder, cars, vans, pickups and small box trucks up to 15-feet long will be allowed to enter the Main Street area for the retrieval of larger items and belongings. Those planning to bring a vehicle must call 410-313-2900 to have access approved and scheduled. Those accessing properties will be allowed to make multiple visits during the five-day cleanup

Credentialing and staging will begin at 7 a.m. on Friday, August 19 and Monday, August 22 at: St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 3695 Rogers Avenue, Ellicott City and Saturday, Aug. 20 and Sunday, Aug. 21 at the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City

In the event of heavy rain or thunderstorms, access may be suspended or terminated. The Howard County Office of Emergency Management is continuously monitoring local advisories and weather radar as a safety precaution during the five-day Ellicott City Main Street cleanup.

In other recovery news...

- On Thursday, Howard County crews began work to repave parking lot F near Main Street and Ellicott Mills Drive. That work is expected to be completed by Friday morning. During the day Friday, crews will be repaving Merryman and Hill Streets. It is anticipated vehicles can be parked on Merryman and Hill Streets Friday evening.

-As a result of a retaining wall collapse along the east side of Woodstock Road approximately 1,000 feet south of 1415 Woodstock Road (Woodstock Inn), a temporary one-lane road traffic signal has been installed and is operating on Woodstock Road between Grooms Lane and the Baltimore County line. The signal will remain in operation until upcoming construction of a replacement wall begins.

A complete closure of Woodstock Road at about 1000 feet south of the Woodstock Inn will take place from Wednesday, Aug. 24 through Friday, Aug. 26. During this closure, traffic will follow a clearly marked detour using Granite Road, Marriottsville Road and Maryland Route 99. Signs will be in place to instruct motorists of the detour. Once the operation is completed, the one-lane road operation will resume and continue until the construction project begins. At that time, a complete closure will go into effect until the construction is completed.

For more information or assistance, please call 410-313-2900 and continue to visit the recovery resource page at [www.ECfloodrecovery.org](http://www.ECfloodrecovery.org).

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